units in the total import-export trade of the country during each of the last three years;

(b) the foreign exchange earned by the same during the same period;

(c) whether several economic concessions are being provided to the said units; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Total foreign exchange earned by the Export Oriented Units (EOUs) during the years 2004-05,2005-06 and 2006-07 (April-December) were to the extent of approximately US $ 8700 million, US $ 11200 million and US $ 8100 million (provisional) respectively. The share of EOUs in the total exports of the country was about 10.45%, 10.84% and 9.07% during the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 (April-December) respectively.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Units under export oriented scheme are eligible for fiscal concessions which include duty free import/domestic procurement and reimbursement of Central Sales Tax (CST) on capital goods, raw materials, consumables for their production activities and corporate tax exemption on export income for a period of 10 years.

ASIDE Scheme

4445. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE) Scheme;

(b) whether funds under ASIDE are allocated on the basis of growth of export, or export performance; and

(c) the details of proposals sent by Andhra Pradesh Government for allocation of funds under the Scheme during the last year and the current year, and the amount allocated/released by the Ministry on these proposals, industry/sector-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) Salient Features of Aside Scheme.

* Invove the States in the export effort by providing incentive-linked assistance to the State Governments and to create appropriate infrastructure for the development and growth of exports.

* Total outlay is operated under two components namely Central Component (20 %) and State Component (80%).

* From State Component the funds are allocated amongst States and Union Territories as per pre-determined criteria i.e. 50% funds are allocated to State on the basis of the share of the State in total export from the country whereas remaining 50% is allocated on the basis of its growth in export over the previous year.

* The approved purposes for the scheme *inter-alia* include creation of new Export Promotion Industrial Parks/Zones, setting up of SEZs, development of complementary infrastructure such as roads connecting the production centres with ports, setting up of Inland Container Depots and Container Freight Stations, assistance for setting up Common Effluent Treatment, etc.

* Fund allocatad under Central Component is utilized by Central Government for meeting the requirements of inter-State projects, capital outlays of SEZs, activities relating to promotion of export from the North Eastern Region, etc.

* The fund allocated to State Government from State component is utilized for implementation of the projects approved by State Level Export Promotion Committee (SLEPC) headed by the Chief Secretary of the State for which no further approval from Central Government is required.

Allocation to Andhra Pradesh under ASIDE Scheme

* Rs. 17 crore were relased to Government of Andhra Pradesh during the financial year 2006-07 from the State component for taking up projects approved by the SLEPC. No allocation has been made to any State Government including Andhra Pradesh during the current financial year (2007-08), so far.